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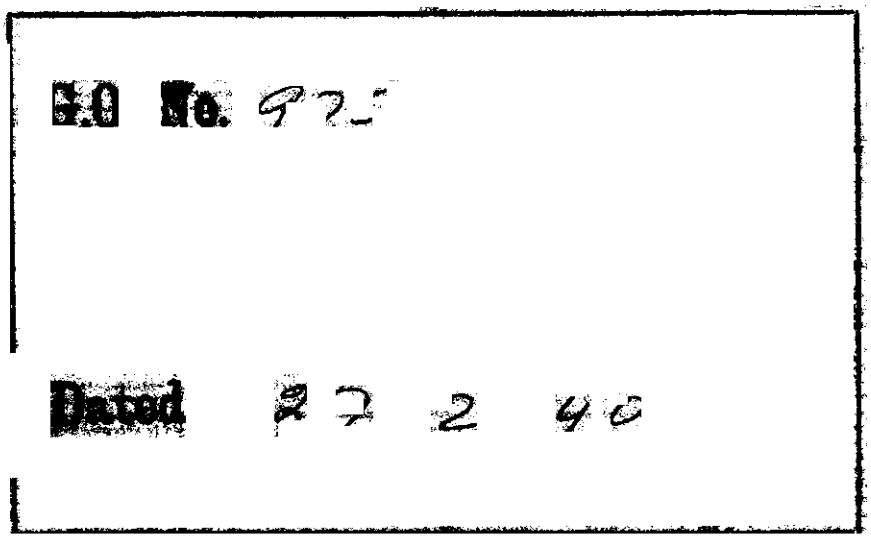

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Sir,

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Jails - Central Jail, Bellary - Inspection of the - for the year 1940 - Questionnaire regarding general administration, medical and sanitary - submitting copy of

I submit herewith copy of questionnaire duly answered for the Central Jail, Bellary, which was inspected by me last month.

Lt.Col.I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Copy to the Superintendent, Central Jail, Bellary, together with a copy of the questionnaire for information and necessary action.

2. The action taken on the several points raised should be reported to this office in due course.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS' QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE INSPECTION OF JAILS.

Date of last inspection 17th to 21st April 1939 Bellary Central ..... *Jail.*

Date of present inspection 15,16 & 18-1-'40

Name of Superintendent. Capt.B.M.C.I.Dall,M.B.E.,

Name of inspecting officer. Lt.-Col.S.C.Contractor,M.B.,I.M.S.,

Name of Jailor. Sri.Jegannatham Pantulu from 1-11-'39 to date Mr.R.Platel from last inspection to 31-10-1939.

PART I.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Q.—1. What is the present population of all classes, viz.:—

	Males.	Females	Total.
Convicts and security prisoners (excluding lunatics)—			
(a) Habituals ..	62		62
(b) Adolescents ..	11		11
(c) Juveniles ..			
(d) Others ..	500		500
Undertrial prisoners—			
(a) Adolecents ..			
(b) Juveniles ..			
(c) Others ..			
State prisoners ..			
Civil prisoners ..	2		2
Criminal lunatics ..			
Civil lunatics ..			-
Total ..	575		575

Q.—2. Was every prisoner produced at the inspection? Yes

Q.—3. Were any applications or complaints received from prisoners? If so, note the action taken. Convict No.4427 complained that warder (however saw no marks of beating) No.52 beat him on his ear with belt. The Superintendent was asked to investigate the matter. Some convicts requested for promotion as Convict officers. They were told to wait till their turn comes. A few requested change of diet, transfer to other jails. These were rejected. Some wanted to go to Andamans whose names the Supdt. said have already been noted for consideration.

Q.—4. (1) What is the actual existing accommodation of the Jail under the following heads, viz.:—

	Hospital.		Quarantine.		Undertrial prisoners.		Civil prisoners.		Female convicts.	Male convicts.	Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.			Males.	Females.
Cells (i.e., for a single prisoner each).	-		90		@					410	500	
Wards (i.e., for more than one prisoner)	41		6							219	266	
Total ..	41		96							629	766	

@ Under-trials and Civil Debtors are locked up in the Quarantine for want of separate accommodation.

(2) Is the actual accommodation the same as that shown in column (3) of statement No. XIV—Vital in the latest Jail Administration Report? If not, explain the variations.

Yes

–5. (1) If there is any overcrowding, among what class of prisoners does it occur and where are the excess prisoners accommodated?

No overcrowding.

(2) Are undertrials kept strictly apart from convicts?

There is a Subjail.
Only Under-trials in Sessions Cases are kept in the Central Jail but at present there is no Under-trial prisoner.

Q.—6. Were there any cases of prolonged detention of undertrials and if so, has the Superintendent taken action in accordance with Rule 742-A?

No

Q.—7 (*a*) Are the rules regarding separation of adolescents, habituals, star class and A and B class prisoners by day and night duly observed?

Appear to be so. Care should be taken that habituals are kept apart from the lifers and other casuals at all times as far as possible.

(*b*) Is there sufficient accommodation available for such purposes?

Yes

Q.—8. Are there any adolescents, habituals who should have been transferred to other places of custody? If so, what are the reasons for not transferring them?

Nil

Q.—9. Are adolescents given a modified Borstal course of training?

No modified Borstal training is given to short termers.
Long termers are transferred to Modified Borstal sections in other jails.

Q.—10. Have any alleged lunatics been detained under observation longer than the period allowed by law, and if so, why?

No

Q.—11. (1) Are there any criminal lunatics who have been detained in the jail longer than was necessary? Give particulars.

No

(2) Have the prescribed reports been ~~particulars~~.
submitted for lunatics, if any, confined under section 466 or 471 of the Code of Criminal Procedure?

Yes when necessary.

Q.—12. Are there any prisoners who could have been dealt with in a more suitable manner without commitment to prison? If so, have their cases been brought to the notice of the Board of Visitors or the Inspector-General?

No

Q.—13. Has there been any undue delay in forwarding appeals to Courts? Records of ten cases taken at random should be examined.	No
Q.—14. Are copies of rules exhibited as required by section 61 of the Prisons Act.	Yes
Q.—15. (1) Is the punishment book prescribed by section 12 of the Prisons Act, properly maintained?	Yes
(2) Examine to see if there are any cases of excessive, illegal, or too lenient punishments.	No
(3) Was there any instance of organized indiscipline among the prisoners in the jail? If so, were the ring-leaders detected and adequately punished? In this connection the Jailor's Report Book should be referred to.	No
(4) Are you satisfied that the punishments awarded to prisoners for prison offences are generally sufficient to prevent repetition of the same offences?	Yes
Q.—16. Was there any escape of a prisoner during the year? If so, state the circumstances and the action taken against the person or persons responsible for allowing the escape.	No

Q.—17. Are the buildings sufficient and in good repair? If not, in what respects are additions, alterations, or repairs called for?	Yes Yes
Q.—18. Have original and repair works carried out by the Public Works Department or Jail Department during the year prior to inspection been executed satisfactorily and with due regard to economy?	Nil White and colour washing jail premises by Jail Department. Satisfactory.
Q.—19. Have works carried out under Rule 934 been within the Superintendent's power of sanction?	Yes
Q.—20. (1) How are the ration supplies of the jail bought and how many merchants are now concerned in the supply? How do the rates compare with the previous years' rates, with current market rates at time of the inspection, and the rates for other jails?	By auction and miscellaneous by tender. Sixteen contractors. Vide Annexure 'A' — pp 32-33 infra
(2) Have any contracts been let out to proscribed contractors?	No
(3) Was the auction book produced at the inspection?	Yes
(4) Are all articles obtained by the tenders or auction system? If not state the exceptions, with reasons.	Both. Miscellaneous by tender e.g. Potatoes, coffee powder, tea, Masar dhall, Bengalgram, Blackgram, pepper, commin seeds, mustard etc.
(5) Have all agreement bonds been executed by the Inspector-General?	All signed for last year except for wool which is under correspondence.
(6) Have any excessive stocks of ration articles been kept, and if so, has there been any deterioration in quality?	No
(7) Are the rations found in stock of good quality, and is the food properly cooked?	Yes Yes

(8) Are the Stock book of Rations and Diet roll properly maintained?	Yes
(9) Is the dietary strictly in accordance with the rules contained in Jail Manual, if not, in what respect does it vary?	Yes
(10) Is the whole supply of vegetables obtained from the Jail garden? If not, give figures showing jail garden produce and contractors' supplies during the last calendar year?	lbs. oz. Jail garden produce 60087 8 Contractor's supply 45196 0
(11) Is any portion of the Jail lands cultivated with any cereals or other crop? Give details?	Cholam
(12) Is the water-supply adequate and is all land brought under cultivation?	Not adequate.during hot months. Yes
(13) What proportion of the prisoners is employed in the gardens?	4.26%

Q.—21. Are the issues of raw rations duly check weighed at the kitchen and the oil added to the curry in the presence of a responsible officer?

Yes, Sub-Assistant Surgeon

Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

Q.—22. What are the numbers on—

(1) rice diet,	183
(2) mixed diet,	367
(3) wheat diet and	18
(4) ~~XXXX~~ B diet.	1

Q.—23. What is the daily issue of fuel per head for each class of prisoner?

12 oz. per head for 'C' class
2 lbs ,, 'A' and 'B' classes
3 lbs ,, Civil Debtors.

Q.—24. (1) Are the clothing and bedding issued in strict accordance with the rules and are they kept in proper repair?

Yes except one blanket found torn in the middle.

(2) Is the Clothing and Bedding Register properly maintained?

Yes

(3) Is the prescribed extra blanket issued during the cold months?

Yes with the exception of four or five prisoners.. It should be explained why these prisoners were no issued the extra blanket.

Q.—25. Are the arrangements for storing the private property of prisoners satisfactory and are all the articles disposed of according to their wishes entered in the Convict Register found in the Store, and vice versa?

Yes

Yes

Q.—26. Has the clothing and private property of long-term prisoners been disposed of according to their wishes?

Yes

Q.—27. Has prisoner's private property been duly handed over on release? Test in some cases.

Yes

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Q.—28. (1) Is the remission system as laid down in Chapter XX of the Jail Manual carried out? At least 20 cases selected at random should be examined. **Yes**

(2) Are the remission records and History tickets up to date in all respects? **Yes**

(3) Is the register prescribed in Inspector-General's circular for watching the date of completion of two-thirds of the sentences of prisoners sentenced to transportation for life or to more than 20 years' imprisonment in the aggregate or to transportation or transportation and imprisonment for terms exceeding in the aggregate 20 years, being maintained? **Yes**

(4) Have all cases eligible for consideration under the Advisory Board scheme (two-thirds of sentence expired and decrepits) been placed before the Board? **Yes**

(5) Was there any instance of over detention during the year? If so, what action was taken against the persons concerned? **None**

Q.—29. Has due intimation been given of impending release of prisoners to the local Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society in accordance with Rule 505-A. **Yes**

Q.—30. Have prisoners gratuity money and batta for journey to home been properly disbursed in presence of Superintendent? **Yes**

Q.—31. Have the following registers and books been properly maintained?	
(1) Visitors' book.	Yes
(2) Jailor's report book.	Yes
(3) Superintendent's Order book.	Yes
(4) Convict register.	Yes except in the case of certain
(5) Register of Under-trial prisoners	Yes (Bail releases - vide para 7 of
(6) Register of Civil prisoners.	Yes my answer to Q.77, Part I -).
(7) Register of prisoners to be released (Form No. 10).	Yes
(8) Diary of convicts released (Form No. 11).	Yes
(9) Lock-up register (Form No. 13).	Yes
(10) Superintendent's Journal.	Yes
(11) Main-gate registers (Forms Nos. 26, 27 and 28).	Yes
Q.—32. Has the Superintendent perused the Jailor's report book with sufficient care, and passed such orders as were necessary?	Yes
Q.—33. (1) Do the rules for search by the gate-keeper appear to have been observed?	Yes
(2) Have the Jailor and Superintendent checked the Main-gate Registers adequately?	Yes
Q.—34. Have orders passed on Superintendent's Journal by the Inspector-General been complied with?	Yes

Q.—35. (1) Have the official and non-official visitors paid regular visits to the jails?	Yes	Vide Annexure 'B'. p-34 infra
(2) Has suitable action been taken on visitors' remarks and have copies of Inspector-General's or Government's orders been sent to the visitor?	Yes	
Q.—36. (1) Has the Labour Register been properly maintained?	Yes	
(2) Have the prescribed tasks been exacted from the prisoners? If not, the reasons should be stated.	Yes, but numbers shown under 'Learners' and 'Reduced task' continued to b the same for an indefinite period	
(3) Is any modification of the standard task required for any particular form of labour?	No (Instructions have since been issued to all jails to maintain a register to watch the progress of each prisoner employed in the various industries.	

Q.—37. (1) State total lock-up of convicts and number employed—

1. on manufactures or other remunerative work,	182	
2. unremunerative labour,	144	
3. prison duties, and	96	
4. not employed—		
(*a*) in hospital,	9	
(*b*) under observation,	-	
(*c*) penal diet,		
(*d*) simple imprisonment,	2	Invalid 71
(*e*) in quarantine, and	61	Condemned 8
(*f*) others, with reasons for their not being employed.	79	79
(2) What is the unremunerative labour on which convicts are employed?	Sanitary gang; Gardening; Preparing ration articles for jail diet; Jail repairs.	

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Q.—38. Are the restrictions on the employment of convicts on extra-mural labour carefully observed? **Yes**

Q.—39. Is the supervision of working gangs adequate? **Yes**

Q.—40. (1) Is the number employed on prison duties reasonable? **Yes**

(2) What percentage of prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment were exempted from tasked labour on account of illness or otherwise on the day of inspection? **2.78%**

Q.—41. (1) What are the industries carried on in the jail? **Carpentry; Wool spinning; Cumbly weaving; Book-binding; Tailoring; Stone-breaking occasionally.**

(2) Is sufficient work available throughout the year to keep prisoners sentenced to rigorous imprisonment fully employed? If not, what are the reasons? **Yes**

Q.—42. If any difficulty is experienced in providing sufficient work, what action has the Superintendent taken to explore the possibilities of providing other forms of labour?	No such difficulty
Q.—43. Are any of the industries run at a loss? If so, state causes.	No
Q.—44. Are the industries run efficiently and are the prices of the jail products after calculating costs of production according to the rules, reasonable?	Appear to be so.
Q.—45 Is the data book maintained up to date under the Superintendent's initials and are the data correct?	Yes Yes

Q.—46. Does the Jailor check the tasks regularly? **Yes**

Q.—47. Are the stock books of raw materials and manufactured articles properly maintained and have they been adequately checked by the Superintendent along with indents (Form No. 80) and Transit Register (Form No. 80-A)? **Yes** **Yes**

Q.—48. Does the Jailor regularly examine and weigh manufactured articles on their receipt from the workshop and does he satisfy himself that the articles are correct and that they are actually passed into the stores? **Yes** **Yes**

Q.—49. Have forms Nos. 80 and 80-A been properly maintained? **Yes**

Q.—50. Have there been any complaints received recently from Government Departments regarding jail-made articles? If so, specify and explain the cases.

No

Q.—51. Is there any undue accumulation of stocks of raw materials or manufactured articles in store? If so, state the nature and the quantity of the stock and the action taken to dispose of them.

Alipuram Jail stock - 190 gross and 2 dozens ½ inch Iron screws - The Superintendent has addressed all jails.

Q.—52. Is the introduction of any new manufacture recommended?

No

Q.—53. (1) How many convict officers and servants of each class are there, and is the number in accordance with the sanctioned scale?—

(i) Convict warders. 23

(ii) Convict overseers. 6

(iii) Night watchman. 16

(iv) Hospital orderlies. 3

(v) Cooks. 11

(2) Is the selection carefully made in accordance with the rules?

Owing to the premature releases Men eligible for promotion are not available. Inspector-General's sanction obtained whenever requir

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Q.—54. (1) What was the daily average attendance at school in the past month?

(i) Casuals — 32

(ii) Habituals. — 1

(iii) Adolescents.

(iv) Juveniles.

(2) Are all prisoners capable of being benefited sent to the school? — Yes

(3) Are there any prisoners attending school who are not likely to benefit from the schooling that can be given during the period of their sentence? — No

(4) Is the schoolmaster working satisfactorily and have the provisions of Rule 284-D (10) been carried out? — No. Results of the Superintendent's quarterly examination held on 15-9-39 were not satisfactory. The permanent teacher was on leave at the time of my inspection.

(5) Is the Jail library considered satisfactory? — Yes. Can be improved.

Please see Annexure 'C'. p-35 infra

Q.—55. (1) Are religious instructors attach- to the jail? — Yes

(2) Are lectures on moral and religious subjects being given regularly? — Yes

(3) Give names of lecturers and number of visits paid by each in the past six months? — Vide annexure 'D' p-36 infra

(4) Are lectures being given to females, and if so, how often and by whom? — No females.

Q.—56. (1) What is the strength of the paid-warder staff permanent and temporary (separately)?

	Permanent	Temporary
1st grade	5	1
2nd grade	47	6

For condemned guard 2 second grade warde

(2) Is it sufficient? If not, state requirements with list of duties to be carried out? — Yes

(3) If the staff is insufficient, has the fact been reported? If so, what orders were passed? — ...

(4) What is the proportion of military pensioners? — 2 Military pensioners.

(5) How many of the warders are natives of the district, and how many have served in the jail for a continuous period of five years or more? — 1) 35

2) 23

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Q.—57. (1) Who drills the warder guard, and how often has the guard carried out—	Gatekeeper
(*a*) drill,	Every day in batches
(*b*) musketry exercise, and	Daily
(*c*) ball and blank firing practice?	Once in three months except during the period from 9-7-39 to 12-11-39.
(2) Are the senior Executive officers of the jail capable of drilling the guard? Were they tested?	Jailer, Gatekeeper, and 1 First grade warder tested.
(3) Are the arms and accoutrements in good order?	Yes
(4) Has the ammunition been checked by the Superintendent and the fact reported in his journal	Yes
Q.—58. (1) Is the defaulter book (Form No. 21) properly maintainned?	Yes
(2) Are the Superintendent's orders on breaches of discipline adequate and fair?	Yes
Q.—59. (1) What is your opinion of the standard of discipline among the warder staff?	Good
(2) Are recruits of the proper stamp being obtained?	Yes
Q.—60. Is a seniority list showing the name of each warder in strict order of seniority maintained in the jail and kept thoroughly up to date?	Yes

Q.—61. Is the accommodation for the warders, sufficient and suitable?

1) Sufficient for the permanent warders; Temporary warders live outside and house rent allowances are paid to them.

please see paras 8+9 on pp 23 & 24 and 'A' on p. 25 infra

2) Not suitable. The roofs require repairing as they badly leak during the rainy season. Many doors and windows require renewal or repairing; drains have to be relaid in many places.

Q.—62. What are the precautions taken against fire in the jail?

4 Fire Extinguishers

7 Fire buckets.

Q.—63. Are the jail subordinate officers familiar with their duties?

Appear to be so.

Q.—64. Are the confidential reports on subordinate officers thorough, and up to date and are the personal files properly maintained?

Yes

Q.—65. Are service books written up to date and the required certificate of verification duly recorded in them? Yes

Q.—66. Has the Superintenndent shown proper discretion in dealing with mistakes or misconduct? Yes

Q.—67. Are there any of the staff whom for any reason it is desirable to transfer elsewhere? No

Q.—68. What are the arrangements for censorship of prisoner's correspondence and delivery of letters to them?

Kanarese letters are sent to the Junior Certified School, Bellary; Telugu letters are censored by the teacher; English, Urdu and Tamil letters by clerks.

Letters are delivered to the convict when they become eligible under the rules.

Q.—69. Was the last audit report satisfactory or otherwise?

'The general state of the accounts was satisfactory

Q.—70. Is the Inspector-General satisfied that the work in the jail office is up to date in every respect?

Up-to-date, except for the fact that Clerk Mohamed Umar was slack in his work.

please see para 5 on p-23 infra

Q.—71. Are the orders regarding the arrangement and periodical destruction of records duly observed?

Yes

Q.—72. Is the stock book of civil stores and manufactory tools and plant properly maintained?

Yes
Yes

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Q.—73. (1) Are the provisions of rule 407 of the Jail Manual strictly adhered to?	Yes
(2) Are the registers and records secured by the jailor against tampering?	Yes
Q.—74. Has the Superintendent regularly visited the jail at least once on every working day, and spent a sufficient amount of time in the jail to supervise the administration effectively?	Yes, twice a day.
Q.—75. Is the Superintendent thoroughly acquainted with the rules and the Acts and Regulations relating to Jails?	Yes
Q.—76. Have the suggestions and orders made in the previous inspection notes been carried out?	Except improvements to the warders' huts, provision of more bathing cubicles for which estimates should be submitted early in April 1940.

Q.77.-Remarks by the Inspector-General on the jail establishment, or any branch of the jail administration which calls for special remarks?

1. There is no record room for the jail. Oil pressing has been discontinued - vide G.O.No.Ms.6168, Home, dated 29-11-1939. This enclosure which has a roof may be converted with a little expenditure into a record room.

2. On the suggestion of the Manager, Wool section, the Principal, Government Textile Institute, Madras, has introduced a new kind of contraption for milling cumblies in place of the old and crude method of milling cumblies. But it is seen that the cumblies which undergo a milling process in this new machine become thinner and the texture does not remain close as before. It opens out after it has passed through the milling process. This should be brought to the notice of the Principal, Textile Institute, Madras. The Superintendent has since forwarded to the Principal a sample blanket milled in the new machine or cot and another Police blanket milled in the old cot for inspection and remarks.

3. Kitchen. It has a portion of the roof made of wire mesh. I really do not understand why it was so made. It is not dust proof nor is it rain proof. On squally days dust blows into the kitchen not only from the wire mesh of the doors and windows but also from the roof. In the rainy weather all the dirty water from the adjoining portion of the roof and also what sticks to the mesh is washed into the kitchen and on to the food with the rain water. In any case it is most objectionable to have a roof made of fine wire gauze. It should be brought to the notice of the Public Works Department and replaced by an ordinary tiled roof.

4. The gardens did not appear to be flourishing at all. The reason I was told was that the recent cold spell had had a very harmful effect on the young shoots. I saw a few beds of greens and solids such as, brinjals, carrots, tomatoes in the gardens. There is of course great water scarcity and even during the inspection the Municipal water for drinking purposes had been restricted to a short while only as one of the Municipal engines had broken down. With increased supply of water more vegetables can be raised. There are two wells called Nagamma well' and 'Durgamma well'. During the inspection the Electric motor in the Durgamma well having gone out of order, the standby oil engine was used

to pump water from this well for washing wool and bathing purposes. Water from the Nagamma well was raised by means of picotah and sufficient water could not be raised by this method to water the jail gardens. The Superintendent suggested that as soon as the Electric motor is repaired the ~~xx~~ standby oil ~~xxxx~~ engine may be used for pumping water from the Nagamma well provided necessary pump and pipe connections are purchased which would cost approximately Rs.1300/-.

5. In the Jailer's Report Book dated 3-1-'40, it was seen that the Superintendent fined clerk Mohamed Umar Rs.2/- "for gross neglect of duty and warned that he will be reported to the Inspector-General of Prisons for removal from service if he delays correspondence and does not improve in his work". The attention of the Superintendent is drawn to G.O.No.2014, Public Services, dated 25-10-'37, a copy of which has already been communicated, according to which imposition of fine on ministerial servants is irregular. The fine should therefore be ~~xxxxx~~ cancelled forthwith and the fact reported to this office.

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6. The Jail interview room requires at least two more ventilators to let in more light and air.

7. In the Convict register (Form No.7) columns 26, 27 and 28 were found filled up in many cases of bail releases. These columns should be left unfilled when a prisoner is released on bail. The explanation given was that the Sub-Assistant Surgeon filled up these columns under the impression that these releases were ordinary releases. The Superintendent and the Jailer should have seen this at the time of verification of the entries before releasing the prisoner on bail and instructed the Sub-Assistant Surgeon properly about filling up columns 26, 27 and 28. This shows that no proper care is taken by the Superintendent and the Jailer to see that the Convict register which is a very important record of a prisoner. is maintained properly.

8. I went round to inspect the warders lines in company

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Q.—77. Remarks by the Inspector-General on the jail establishment, or any branch of the jail administration which calls for special remarks?

with the Superintendent and the Jailer. I was surprised to hear from the Superintendent himself that he never went into the quarters of the warders or the subordinates but was quite content to see from outside whether the place was clean or not. Outside cleanliness in front of the quarters surely is no index of the cleanliness within. I can understand the hesitancy of the Superintendent in not entering the quarters occupied by Muhammadan warders but surely there is no objection to enter the quarters of the Hindus and Christians. The consequence was that in at least two latrines I saw the latrine pans not being made use of as such but these latrine pans were kept as a utensil for storing water or something else. One of them was occupied by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon himself and he has no family of his own and yet the Superintendent told me that he never inspected the latrine attached to the -- quarters of the Sub-Assistant Surgeon and which was about 50 yards away from the residential quarters. There was a similar absence of inspection by the Superintendent of the quarters of the other subordinates where also the latrine pans were not put to their legitimate use. This also is one of the most important duties of the Superintendent to see that the quarters of the Subordinates both within and without are kept in a sanitary condition.

The roofs of the warders' huts leak like a sieve in the rainy weather as the roof I am told consists of a layer of sand between two mats. Improvements to the roofs are necessary to make them habitable during the monsoon. Necessary estimates should be submitted early in April 1940 Estimates for repairing or relaying drains to warders' lines, improvement to latrine and firewood godowns attached to the Headclerk's and teacher's quarters also should be submitted in April '40

~~Inspector-General of Prisons.~~

Lt.Col.I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

PART II—MEDICAL AND SANITARY.

Q.—1. Is the accommodation sufficient and satisfactory?	Yes
Q.—2. Is the ventilation of blocks and cells satisfactory?	Yes
Q.—3. Is the drainage of the jail in a satisfactory condition, if not what are the defects?	Yes
Q.—4. Are the lines in good repair and under careful sanitary control?	Improvements to roofs and repairs to some doors and windows required. The latrines in the warders lines are provided with pans. The latrines attached to the Chief Warders' quarters the old Jailer's quarters now occupied by the clerks and the Storekeeper's quarters are not provided with sufficient number of pans. The few pans supplied do not fit properly and were found lying filled with water, sand etc The Public Works Department should be addressed in the matter. Drains in the warders' lines require repairing in many places.

Q.—5. (1) From what source is the drinking-water of the prisoners obtained and is it sufficient?	Municipal water supply Yes except in hot months.
(2) Is it chlorinated and are field tests carried out regularly?	Chlorinated at the source & again in the Yes jail.
(3) When was the drinking-water last examined bacteriologically at the King Institute and with what results?	12-7-39. "The chlorinated supply to the Central Jail is of excellent quality in every respect."
(4) Are the drinking-water wells protected from pollution, and if so, how? How is the water raised from these wells?	No drinking water wells
(5) When were the wells from which drinking or bathing water is obtained, last cleaned out?	No drinking water wells. Bathing water wells not cleaned out owing to rains in June '39 as water rose up in the wells. The wells may be cleaned ~~xxx~~ when the level of the water goes very low in the hot season.
Q.—6. (1) Is separate clothing issued to patients in hospital and marked with the letter 'H' and is it according to approved pattern?	Yes Yes
(2) Is the clothing issued to prisoners suffering from contagious diseases distinctively marked and periodically disinfected?	Yes Yes
(3) Is the clothing and bedding regularly aired and disinfected when necessary?	Yes
Q.—7. What is the present number of—	
(i) Sick in hospital.	9
(ii) Out-patients.	41
(iii) Convalescent gang No. 1.	71
(iv) Do. No. 2.	Nil
(v) Other prisoners on special diet.	26
Q.—8. Are the prisoners required to bathe regularly? Is there sufficient water available throughout the year for the purpose?	Yes, daily Yes

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Q.—9. (1) Is the latrine accommodation sufficient and are the latrines of the jail and hospital wards fly-proof?	Yes Yes
(2) Are the day and night conservancy arrangements satisfactory?	Yes
(3) Is the trenching carried out satisfactorily under strict medical supervision?	Yes under the supervision of the Superintendent. The Sub-Assistant Surgeon also should see to it.
(4) Is urine disposed of in the jail gardens or trenched separately?	Trenched separately
(5) How are the stools of prisoners suffering from dysentery and other bowel diseases disposed of?	In the Germ Disinfector.
Q.—10. (1) Is the hospital adequately equipped?	Yes
(2) Is it kept thoroughly clean?	Yes
(3) Are instruments in good order?	Yes
Q.—11. (1) Are the medical registers and medical sheets properly kept?	Yes
(2) Has Medical Officer's journal been properly maintained?	Yes
Q.—12. Is there any prevalence of bowel disease; if so, specify causes and action taken?	No

Q.—13. (1) How many deaths have there been in the present calendar year and how many in last year?	Nil in the present year so far. Last year 2 deaths
(2) Specify causes of deaths in present year?	Does not arise.
Q.—14. (1) Are the prisoners weighed fortnightly and have their weights been satisfactory during the present calendar year?	Yes Yes
(2) Has the Medical Officer checked the weighments as required by Rule 289?	Yes
(3) What was the percentage of loss if any for the months preceding this inspection?	
(i) in the numbers so weighed.	6%
(ii) in the numbers discharged as shown in monthly statement No	5.15%
Q.—15. Are there separate registers for cases of venereal, skin and bowel diseases and for the invalid gang and are the registers maintained properly?	Yes Yes- Date of placing the prisoners in the Invalid gang and the name of disease were omitted in a few cases. This should be avoided in the future.
Q.—16. Are newly admitted prisoners vaccinated?	Yes

Q.—17. Are the quarantine arrangements satisfactory?	Satisfactory.
Q.—18. Has the jail been subject to any epidemic diseases since last inspection? If so, give particular-	None
Q.—19. (1) Are the ration articles seen and passed by the Medical Officer?	Yes
(2) How often is the cooked food examined by the Medical Officer and the Superintendent?	Once a week by the Medical Officer. Daily by the Superintendent and the Sub-Assistant Surgeon.
(3) Is the feeding of prisoners, who are given diets on medical recommendation, done under proper supervision?	Yes, Sub-Assistant Surgeon.
Q.—20. (1) When were the camping and burial-grounds last inspected by the Superintendent?	Camping ground on 11-1-40 Burial ground once or twice. Sometimes thrice a week by the Superintendent
(2) Are the jail tents in good repair and sufficient for an emergency?	Twenty tents. Yes

Q.—21. (a) How many convicts are trained in Ambulance and First-Aid? 29 convicts in 1939

(b) How many passed the St. John ~~the year?~~ Ambulance Examination during the year? 5 convicts.

(c) How many lectures were given and who conducts the class? ~~Ambulance examination during~~ 24 lectures were given by the previous Sub-Assistant Surgeon. Sub-Assistant Surgeon conducts the class. The present Sub-Assistant Surgeon is unable to teach in Telugu as he is only a Tamil knowing Sub-Assistant Surgeon.

Q.—22. General remarks. Ambulance and First Aid. The Sub-Assistant Surgeon has been there since July 1939 and yet he has taken no steps to train the warders in First Aid and Ambulance. He is of course quite new to the Department but so are other Sub-Assistant Surgeons who are posted to the Jail Department by the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras. This Sub-Assistant Surgeon did not impress me at all with his work. I have not seen a Sub-Assistant Surgeon so lacking in initiative. The result of his inaction was that the warders put up a very poor show in both the First Aid and the Ambulance. I thought that the Jail would show an improvement on the previous year but it was most disappointing to see that no steps were taken to put up a better show.

Prisoners are being inoculated against Typhoid and Cholera once a year as a precautionary measure.

About half a dozen convicts appeared to be fit subjects for transfer to Borstal sections in other jails. If the Medical officer thinks that the age put in the warrant is incorrect, he can refix the age - vide G.O.No.Ms.6166, Home, dated 22-12-1938 communicated to jails with this office No.R.Dis.2238/38 dated 6-1-1939.

One Deaf convict was found kept in the permanent Invalid gang. I was told that he is on the gang from 29-12-1939. This prisoner appears to be partially deaf. The attention of the Medical Officer is drawn to Rule 599, Part II of the Madras Prison and Reformatory Manual - page 171 of the Manual.

There is still no tundice or Ice Chest to keep the lymph and vaccine. The matter I am told is still under correspondence with the Superintendent, Borstal School, Tanjore for supplying one at a cheaper rate.

A few glass funnels and other hospital equipment lying without use in the Hospital should be listed and submitted to this office for transfer to other institutions where they could be made use of.

I saw some chess-board pattern cumblies in the Linen room too old and unfit for further use. They should be condemned and fresh ones indented for.

In the Hospital Library there were a good number of old medical books. These books should be auctioned and uptodate books should be obtained.

The lumber room was found kept clean but some of the prisoners' bedding and clothing were found kept on the floor. A WOODEN rack should be provided to keep these bedding and clothes off the ground.

Weighment charts. There should be two lines in the Weighment charts - one black line to indicate the Physical equivalent of the prisoner and the other a red line to indicate the prisoner's weight on admission. This was being done before but the present Sub-Assistant Surgeon had not done so in a good number of cases.

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The remarks against the Sub-Assistant Surgeon Kirubamani should be communicated to the Superintendent, Central Jail, Vellore for communication to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon who should be warned to attend to his jail duties properly.

Lt.Col.I.M.S.,
Inspector-General of Prisons.

Annexure 'A' Central Jail, Bellary.

Statement showing rates obtained for the various articles of Rations.

Name of articles.	Approved rates. 1938-39 lbs.	ozs.		1939-40. lbs.	ozs.		Current market rates lbs.	ozs.	
Coriander.	12-	8	a Re.	11	2	A Re.	5	4	a Re
Turmeric.	9	o	,,	5	3	,,	4	-	,,
Ragil	32	0	,,	35	14	,,	34	-	,,
Wheat	15	0	,,	17	8	,,	18	-	,,
Boiled Rice uncleaned.	19	1	,,	18	6	,,	13	8	,,
Dhall split uncleaned.	17	6	,,	15	4	,,	13	8	,,
Cholam White.	30	8	,,	34	4	,,	29	4	,,
Gingelly Oil.	4	0	,,	5	11	,,	4-5-13		,,
Onions.	54	0		52	0	,,	48	-	,,
Firewood.	Rs.8/- a ton.			Rs. 9-10/- a ton.			11-10-8 a ton.		
Cow's milk.	8½ pints a re.			8½ pints a Re.			6-2/3 Pints A Re.		
Raw rice.	18	4	,,	17	8	a Re.	16	14	a Re.
Dhall Gram.	17	6	,,	18	8	,,	24	-	,,
Tamarind. uncleaned.	35	0	,,	40	0	,,	16	-	,,
Chillies.	8	0	,,	8	0	,,	5	-	,,
Vegetables.	41	0	,,	63	0,	,,	8	-	,,

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											District jails		
Wheat		18-2	19-2	13-6	20-5	20-12	22-12	23-9	23-0	20-8	20-15	20-1-2	20-1
Rice		-	13 ¼	17-8	15-0	17-3	-	22-4	9-2	15-4	-	-	-
Ragi		29-6	30-2	35-4	29-8	29-6	30-0	32-0	27-8	-	31 12	33-1	15-0 Flour
Jowar		19-0	30-0	-	28-0	29-0	29-4	32-4	15-0	29-0	31-0	-	15-0
Cumbu		-	15-4	-	-	26-1	-	-	-	-	25-0	-	21-0
Dholl		10-8	18-1	17-8	15-1	16-5	20-2	19-0	12-7	15-14	16-1	10-4	-
Bengalgram		17-4	16-4	18-8	17-2	20-0	16-4	23-0	21-0	19-5	18-0	16-1	13
Split Peas		14-13	15-2	15-14	14-12	15-9	15-4	16-1	13-0	12-15	15-8	15 2	14-4
Greengram		36-8	30-0	40-0	29-4	26-0	22-4	21-4	19-4	17-0	19-9	20 4	18-8
Groundnut		11-9	13-1	11-2	11-0	11-12	13-4	13-1	9-12	11-0	13-2	10 3	10-7
Gingelly		5-12	8-10	8-0	7-0	6-7	5-4	5-12	5-8	6-12	6-8	5 8	5-1
Turmeric		5-6	10-2	5-3	8-0	9-0	8-10	9-2	6-4	8-0	8-0	6 2	6-11
Onions		60-0	54-0	52-0	61-0	42 0	29 0	33-0	22-0	36-2	65-0	34 0	40-0
Vegetables		10		63	29-4	42-0	49-0	62 0	38-0	33	33	-	-
Cows milk	pints per Re	8 31/4	17½	8½	13½	12½	10	10¾	6¼	10	15	8	13¾
Firewood	per tonne	9-6-0	5-6-0	9-10-0	7-15-0	7-8 0	7-12-0	6 7-0	5-0-0	9-12-0	9-0 0	7-0 0	6-0-0

Annexure B. p 11 ante

Answer to Question No.35(1), Part I of the Questionnaire:-

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Statement showing visits paid by official and non-official visitors to the Central Jail, Bellary for 1939 -

Name of visitor	No. of visits paid.	No. of Board meetings attended.
Officials:-		
The District Magistrate		4
The Sub Divisional Magistrate	1	2
The Sessions Judge	1	1
The District Educational Officer	3	2
Non-officials:-		
Janab Abdul Wahab Sahib Bahadur	5	2
Sri.S.Sitharam Chetty (Provincial Visitor)	3	1
Mr.E.D.Martin	2	-
Sri.Bhimappa Chowdry	2	2
,, J.Veeranna Chetty	2	1
,, H.Sitharam Reddy M.L.A.	3	-
Janab Abdul Rawoof Sahib Bahadur M.L.A.	2	-
Sri.G.Narayanaswami Chetty (Provincial Visitor)	1	-
Dr.P.Subbarayan	1	-

Annexure. 'C'

Answer to Question.54(5) Part.I of the Questionnaire.

Statement of books in the Library according to languages, literates.

Languages.	No. of literate prisoners.	No. of illiterate prisoners	No. of religious books.	No.of.Moral and story books.
Telugu.	54	258	63	327
English.	5		10	173
Canarese.	20	125	19	90
Tamil.	15	67	9	61
Malayalam.	-	-	-	16
Hindi.	-	-	-	11
Urudu & Arabic.	8	23	19	1
Oriya.			1	8
	102	473	121	687.

Remarks:- Some of the books appeared to be old. They should be replaced by new and up-to-date books.

Annexure 'D'.

Answer to Question No.55(3), Part I of the Questionnaire:-

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Statement showing the names of Moral and Religious lecturers and number of visits paid by each to the Central Jail, Bellary for the period from 1-7-1939 to 31-12-1939.

Name of lecturer		No. of visits paid from 1-7-1939 to 31-12-1939.
For Christians:-		
Sri.P.J.Paul	...	26
Sri.K.Doddanna Gowd	...	5
For Hindus:-		
Sri.A.Obalesappa	...	23
For Muhammadans:-		
Janab Mohamed Kassim Sahib Bahadur		NIL

The Superintendent has not reported the name of the Muhammadan lecturer who has not paid any visits to the jail in the past six months. In this connection the Superintendent's attention is drawn to rule 284-C, Part I of the Madras Prison and Reformatory Manual. Necessary steps should be taken for the appointment of another Muhammadan gentleman as honorary Moral Lecturer in consultation with the District Magistrate.

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p-1 CF [Cons. 4642C] From the D.G. of Prisons : Bdle C3 No. 1/1940 of 9.2.40.

Jails - Central Jail, Bellary - Inspection report of the D.G. for the year 1940
Answers to Questionnaire.

pp 2-36 CF Please see D.G's inspection report for the year 1940 on the Central Jail, Bellary at pp 2-36 CF The following remarks are called for

p-23 CF (1) Para 5 of Answer to Qn 77 of Part I

A clerk was fined Rs 2/- for gross neglect of duty. The D.G has ordered the cancellation of the fine with ref. to rule 1 (ii) of the Madras Sub. Service (Penalties & Appeal Rules), 1937.

pp 488 & 552 the Service Manual Vol II (Not printed) It is presumed that another punishment will be awarded to the clerk in lieu of the punishment of fine cancelled.

~~No action seems necessary on the part of the Govt.~~

'M' on p-30 CF (2) Answer to Qn 22 of Part II

The D.G. seems to be not well impressed in regard to the training given by the Sub-Asst. Surgeon in Ambulance and First Aid. He thinks that the Sub. Asst. Surgeon, who has been there since July 39 has not taken sufficient interest in the matter Please see D.G's remarks on this question in his report for 1939. It is presumed that steps will be taken by the Suptdt to see that the Sub. Asst. Surgeon takes more pains at least in future.

'A' on p-28 of 90.3131 7-6-39 (R)

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For orders whether the D.G's inspection certificate may be recorded

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Report 975 dt 27-2-40 re Jacks - Electrical fault - Railway - Inspection by the D.G of Posts — Answer to questionnaire in ~~[illegible]~~ respect thereof. Be entered.?